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INTRODUCTION

September marked three years that I have spent in the Chief Constable role for Suffolk Constabulary and we, as an organisation, have come a long way in that time.

We are now rated in the top three counties in England and Wales where people are least likely to be a victim of crime, according to the Office of National Statistics. But that is not all - the Crime Survey for England and Wales also gives us a clear steer on our achievements:

- People have more confidence in Suffolk Police as we have moved up eight places from 16th to 8th;
- We are dealing with crime & ASB better locally, moving up 22 places from 32nd to 10th;
- And Suffolk is now the 4th best force, for treating everyone fairly regardless of who they are.

I am keen all officers show compassion, professionalism, courage and a strong sense of community with everything they do.

There has been a lot of media coverage recently about ongoing cultural issues in the Metropolitan Police, and we know from experience that stories like this can damage public confidence in our service. Scrutiny is something I welcome, and like so many cases before, the actions of a minority come at a cost to the thousands of officers across the country who go into work every day to target criminals, take dangerous people off our streets, protect the public and serve our communities.

Here in Suffolk for the past two years we have been running a "Right Education" programme for all supervisors and this will continue for all staff to ensure everyone is engaged in the right culture. We want policing in Suffolk to be known for our professionalism and determination to deliver exceptional service for victims of crime.

Following the tragic attack outside the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Manchester earlier this month, this attack will have had a significant impact on our Jewish communities. The incident occurred on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. To have such an act of violence occur on this most significant day is deeply distressing. My thoughts are with all those impacted by this sad event.

Partners including police, councils, politicians, charities and schools met recently to discuss an initiative that looks to locate, root out and keep out criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in an area to the west of Ipswich town centre. I have previously written about Clear, Hold, Build and Ipswich was the latest town in Suffolk to officially launch this.

Since work began on 11 March up to 31 August, results include:

- 111 Arrests
- 21 people charged with 18 of those remanded
- Convictions totalling 42 years and 11 months
- 41 vehicles seized



- Numerous days of action with partner agencies
- Approximately £500,000 worth of cocaine seized
- Weapons such as ninja swords and crossbows seized

Finally, this autumn I have been holding a series of public meetings with the PCC where you can put your questions to us - they are a vital part of how we listen, learn and respond to your concerns. Details, including an online meeting on 3 November, can be found on the website and social media. In the meantime, thank you all for your ongoing support you show to our officers and staff - it is truly appreciated.

Chief Constable Rachel Kearton

In this Constable's County I'd like to tell you more about what my office is doing to support young people in Suffolk. It is something of a cliché to say they are our future, but what I do know is if society does not deliver a great deal more support and encouragement, particularly for those young people at risk of getting into trouble, there could be big problems ahead.

When I reflect on my early years, I suppose it is fair to say matters were rather more certain. There were not the distractions of technology and, life in general, seemed to be much calmer, although I appreciate I was very lucky to have benefitted from a good education and strong family bonds.

One project I have, and am, supporting is the Divert Programme run by the Ipswich Town Football Club's charitable foundation. Some of the individuals' stories I have heard about really are heart-breaking, but I have been privileged to see at first-hand how lives are turned around by those involved in this initiative. That provides ample reassurance for me, based on results, to continue to support the project.

The project provides a wide range of activities to improve individual self-esteem and confidence, and help attendees make the right choices in life, while pointing out what the potential consequences are if things go wrong. After all, getting into serious trouble or criminality can seriously damage lifetime prospects.

It breaks my heart to hear that some children have been brought up in violent, abusive households, or with absent fathers serving time in jail; too many have been expelled from school, or perhaps rarely attended because they consider education irrelevant and a waste of time. Such situations are no good for the individual and no good at all for Suffolk.

The success rate of Divert is extraordinary and nearly all those who have attended the courses have ended up with far greater confidence and employability as a result, and when I hear comments like, 'I have got my son back', I know that this investment of taxpayers' money is worth its weight in gold.

As a result of the initial success, I was delighted to meet representatives of the Premier League Foundation towards the end of last season, and, consequently, can now confirm they have matched our latest Divert funding on an equal basis for the next project. This exciting new programme focuses on primary school children. In short, I think we all know prevention is far better than cure - not just because of the pound notes involved but for the individuals too. Economically it makes absolute sense considering each prison place costs nearly £60,000. So why not try to stop this happening in the first place?

My commissioning programme delivers a wide range of services across Suffolk. A full list of current



projects funded by my office can be found here: [PCC-Commissioning-List-2025-26-Q1.pdf](#)

Can I finish with a quick reminder..... The Chief Constable and I are hosting a series of public meetings this autumn to talk about local policing and answer questions from the public.

There is also an ONLINE MEETING on Monday November 3 at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. Please email spcc@suffolk.police.uk to register and an invite will be sent through via email in advance of the meeting.

Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore



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Inspector
Liz Casey

Inspector Liz Casey is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Halesworth, Southwold, Debenham Eye, Framlingham Yoxford, Leiston Saxmundham and Aldeburgh.

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HALESWORTH

Your Halesworth Community Policing Team (CPT) have worked exceptionally hard over the last few months to continue to ensure the locality remains a safe happy place to live and work.

These are the current priorities that will be our focus for the next few months.

As a collective force, your Community Policing Team (CPT) work with a range of internal partners to ensure we are doing the best we can to deliver an effective efficient visible workforce.

Every day we work alongside our Response Officer teams (RIT) who are briefed on our priorities who patrol and target in line with these. As well as the (RIT) teams we utilise the dog units, the Roads policing teams, the control room who dispatch incidents the Scenes of Crimes Officers who attend for forensic examination to the Design Out Crime Officers (DOCOs) who look at preventative and deterrent measures that can be put in place. Should it be additional lighting, then we work with the council around park areas, to make people feel safer and deter ASB.

We work as one big team internally to support our community as well as external partners such as social care, housing, licencing and the council to ensure a joint approach to tackling issues.

We continue to be visible within the community at our planned engagement events.

As a CPT we collaborate closely with the schools in your locality visiting and supporting with inputs and supporting the schools and pupils.

Please visit the Suffolk Constabulary website to see where we will be, and who your local police officer for your areas is – we want to see you and we want to hear from you so we can best support you in the community.

These are the issues you have raised during street meets and engagements within the community and this is how we have responded.

You said:

Speeding vehicles and vehicles used in an anti-social manner, these concerns came from many areas of the locality

We did:

Following complaints about noisy motorbikes annoying residents in Eye, police have targeted and encountered numerous bikes onto the Eye Airfield which have been seized for offences to include no insurance, no licence no Mot. Police we will continue to proactively target offenders disturbing the community and putting other road users at risk, during the day during the evening and throughout the nights.

Speed checks and speeding patrols completed and ongoing and we continue to do with the support of the Speed watch teams and safety camera teams to keep the roads safe

You said:

Concerns around anti-social behaviour in public spaces

We did:

Patrols on foot during day time late time and evenings to ensure visibility and engagement.

You said:

Early hours shed and garage break-ins within the community

We did:

This remains a key focus for us as a team and the wider policing team. We have increased patrols during evening and nights, we are utilising the RIT teams roads policing teams and dog units during evening and nights, we are patrolling key areas targeting vehicle and persons out to commit crime.

Early hours patrols in Southwold with a male stopped and found to be in possession of an offensive weapon and drugs and outstanding for a warrant for additional offences.

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LOCAL PRIORITIES

Debenham and Eye:

- Overnight offences within the rural community
- Anti-social behaviour to include behaviour of vehicle users

Leiston, Saxmundham and Aldeburgh:

- Overnight offences within the rural community
- To target those that supply drugs and exploit others for financial gain
- Target anti-social behaviour

Halesworth and Southwold:

- Overnight offences within the rural community
- Target anti-social behaviour in the town centre and park areas

Framlingham and Yoxford:

- Overnight offences within the rural community
- To target those that supply drugs and exploit others for financial gain
- Target speeding and driving offences



Inspector
Mark Jackson

Inspector Mark Jackson is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Beccles and Worlingham, Bungay and Wainford, Carlton Colville and Kessingland, Gunton, Oulton and Lothingland, Harbour, Kirkley, Normanston, Pakefield and Whitton and St. Margarets.

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LOWESTOFT

The summer period has been particularly active for the Community Policing Team (CPT) across Lowestoft, Beccles, and Bungay. Working closely with partner organisations, we have focused on addressing the issues that matter most to our communities.

A primary area of concern has been ongoing incidents in Lowestoft town centre, including reports of anti-social behaviour, disorder, street drinking, and retail theft. In response, we have:

- Increased police patrols in key areas.
- Engaged and liaised with local retailers.
- Issued on-the-spot fines for breaches of the Public Space Protection Order.
- Made arrests where criminal offences have been identified.
- Seized illegal e-scooters and e-cycles.
- Utilised police dispersal powers to remove individuals causing disruption.

While significant progress has been made, tackling these issues will remain a priority throughout the autumn.

Community Engagement

Over the summer the CPT has been present at local events. The Tour of Britain cycle race saw large numbers of the public support the event through the towns of Bungay and Beccles. Our team were present and a few officers even cycled the route from Lowestoft to the finish line in Southwold.



The area also hosted the Lowestoft carnival, the Beccles carnival and the Emergency Services day at the Carlton Colville fire station. This was a fantastic opportunity for families and young people to talk with our cadets, to sit in our vehicles and enjoy the attractions both the ambulance and Fire service offered.



We have also responded to reports of thefts of marine equipment and fuel around the local broads. In partnership with the Norfolk Police Marine Unit, our team has conducted proactive water-based patrols, engaging with boaters, anglers, and other water users to deter and detect criminal activity.

Looking Ahead

Our commitment remains to address the issues that matter most to you. In addition to our visible patrols, we have scheduled a series of "Street Meetings" over the coming months, where members of the Community Policing Team will be available to listen to your concerns, offer advice, and provide updates on local initiatives.

Our aim is to be visible within our residential, businesses and public open spaces, to listen to our communities and to keep people safe.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

You said – Reported thefts along the broads in Oulton Broad and Beccles.

We did – Patrols conducted, liaison with the broad's authority, pro-active work completed with Norfolk's marine unit.

You said: Complaints reported about street drinking in Lowestoft town centre.

We did: Police have engaged with local businesses, retailers and members of the public. Extra patrols conducted; enforcement action taken where required. Police are working with East Suffolk Council to resolve the issue.

You said: Complaints reported regarding youth related anti-social behaviour at Lowestoft library.

We did: Police have maintained regular contact with library staff. Extra patrols have taken place, police have taken positive action where required, a police dispersal order (under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) has been utilised to disperse those causing the issues. Criminal reported issues are being investigated.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- To work with partner agencies and prevent young people being used and exploited into crime.
- To provide visible policing patrols around our town centres to tackle retail theft, anti-social behaviour and any disorderly conduct.
- To tackle those who commit retail theft and specifically those who are repeat offenders. Positive action will take place where individuals are identified, preventive orders will be considered where required.



Inspector Ben Hollands

Inspector Ben Hollands is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Great Cornard, Haverhill Rural and Suffolk South West, Haverhill Town, Sudbury Rural North, Sudbury Town, Waldingfield, Boxford and Bures.

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SUDBURY & HAVERHILL

Suffolk's Sudbury and Haverhill Community Policing Teams continue to be proactive and visible tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities.

In Sudbury, officers carried out a three-day operation in the Springlands area, targeting drug supply and anti-social behaviour. The initiative led to increased community engagement and intelligence gathering, reinforcing the team's commitment to keeping neighbourhoods safe.



Sudbury officers also continue to crack down on the illegal use of e-bikes. A male was arrested in Long Melford and two e-bikes were seized, demonstrating the team's ongoing efforts to address road safety and nuisance behaviour.

Meanwhile, in Haverhill, the Community Policing Team has been working closely with West Suffolk Council, Haverhill Town Council, and local councillors to improve the town centre environment and reduce issues linked to street drinking.

PC Jack Oakley's recent walkabout with Councillor Joe Mason through Haverhill High Street showcased Suffolk police's responsive approach to tackling anti-social behaviour. Issues such as drug use and dangerous e-scooter riding were addressed directly, with officers balancing enforcement against safeguarding and road safety.

A major crime prevention operation also saw officers visit 123 homes across Haverhill. Residents were given crime prevention materials, advice on securing property and vehicles, and encouraged to report suspicious behaviour. Officers even checked doors and windows, referring any concerns to partner agencies for support.

"This type of operation hasn't been done in years," said PC Oakley. "It was very fruitful because of the intelligence we picked up and the things people told us, which we would probably never have got otherwise."

Residents were also urged to review CCTV and doorbell footage and share any suspicious activity with police. PC Oakley emphasised that no report is too small, saying, "We'd rather have lots of false alarms than no one calls."

These efforts reflect Suffolk police's strong commitment to community safety, partnership working, and visible policing and key reasons why Suffolk remains one of the safest counties in the UK.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

You Said: Sudbury town centre youth anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We Did: Identified those involved and stage 1 ASB warning letters have been issued

You Said: Haverhill town centre street drinking

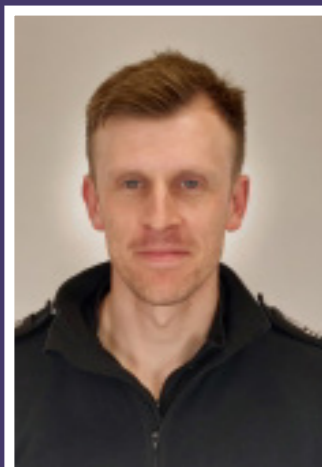
We Did: Community protection notices issued and arrests for breaches of criminal protection order but arresting our way out the problem isn't the solution. Joint partnership working between the police, West Suffolk Council, Haverhill Town Council and local councillors has started to find longer term solutions.

You Said: The anti-social use of e-bikes and scooters

We Did: Arrest of an offender and the seizure of two e-bikes

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Town Centre ASB in both Sudbury and Haverhill
- The illegal use of e-bikes and scooters
- Drugs supply and protecting the vulnerable
- Street drinking within PSPO area



Inspector
Joseph Nettleton

Inspector Joseph Nettleton is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Bury St Edmunds, Bury Rural North and Bury Rural South.

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BURY ST EDMUNDS

The summer was a busy period for the Community Policing Team (CPT) in respect to supporting both national and local policing objectives. The team continues to focus on our engagement strategy focusing on our key patrol location, such as the town centre of Bury St Edmunds where PC Stannard found two new volunteers for our mounted unit. We have also looked at speeding in our rural communities and raising awareness around cyber-crime within our educational premises.

We have the following planned events coming up:

Bury Town South

Community Engagement - Hardwick shopping present
10.30am-11.30am, Sat 25 October

Community Engagement - Holywater Meadows, Bury St Edmunds
11am-1pm, Fri 14 November

Sainsbury's police engagement
10am-11am, Sat 15 November
Sainsbury's Bedingfield Way Bury St Edmunds

Cornhill, Bury St Edmunds engagement outside of Poundland
8PM-9pm, Tue 25 November
Cornhill outside of Poundland, Bury St Edmunds

Community Engagement - West Suffolk Hospital visitor entrance, Bury St Edmunds
1pm-3pm, Sun 7 December

Moreton Hall Post Office
11am-11.30am, Wed 17 December
Moreton Hall Post Office Lawson Place, Bury St Edmunds

Bury Town North

Community Engagement - Marham Park
10am-12pm, Wed 12 November
Crosses Link, Marham Park, Bury St Edmunds

Street meet - Ridley Rd, Bury St Edmunds, outside of the shops
8pm-9pm, Wed 26 November 2025
Ridley Rd, Bury St Edmunds, outside of the shops

Community Engagement - Lake Avenue Shops

10am-12pm, Wed 3 December
St Olaves Precinct, Bury St Edmunds

Street meet - Sergeants Walk, Bury St Edmunds, outside of the library
9am-10am, Sun 14 December
Sergeants Walk, Bury St Edmunds, outside of the Library

Ashwell Rd, Bury St Edmunds engagement outside of the play park
11am-12pm, Sun 14 December
Ashwell Rd, Bury St Edmunds engagement outside of the play park

Bury Rural North

Community Engagement - Lackford Lakes
10am-11am, Sun 9 November
Lackford Lakes, Bury St Edmunds

Community engagement - The Coffee House, Moseley's Farm
11am-12pm, Tue 9 December
The Coffee House Moseley's Farm, Fornham All Saints, Bury St Edmunds

Bury Rural South

Community Engagement - Nowton Park
10am-12pm, Fri 31 October
Nowton Park, Bury Road, Bury St Edmunds.

Community Engagement - GreatWheltenham Community Centre
10am-12pm, Wed 19 November
Great Wheltenham Community Centre, Stanningfield Road, Bury St Edmunds.

Community Engagement - Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham
10am-12pm, Sat 29 November
Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds

Community Engagement - Bradfield St George
12pm - 2pm, Wed 17 December
Bradfield St George village hall, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George

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YOU SAID... WE DID

You said we did: Continue to proactively tackle alcohol-related anti-social behaviour (ASB).

We did: Op Fordwich, the communities team response to alcohol related anti-social behaviour continues to be a success. Demand has significantly reduced as a result of our zero tolerance to anti-social behaviour. We continue to work with our partners as we seek to divert those involved away and engage them with supportive services.

You said: Tackle drug supply in our rural communities

We did: Our Rural Team have been proactive in this executing three warrants, where three people have been arrested and remain under investigation.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Alcohol related ASB
- Retail crime
- Youth related drug supply and violence



Inspector
Tim Scott

Inspector Tim Scott is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Brandon, Lakenheath and the Rows, Manor and Red Lodge, Mildenhall and Newmarket.

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FOREST HEATH

The Forest Heath team have been busy tackling ASB caused by nuisance motorcycles in the St John's Estate area of Mildenhall. Additional patrols have been conducted and some new signs warning offenders that their motorcycles will be seized if used in an anti-social manner have been erected in the area. One motorcycle has already been seized by police.



Further partnership work is ongoing with West Suffolk Council, the town council and Flagship Housing to further enhance the response to tackle this issue.



PC Scott Cameron (the new beat officer for Lakenheath and The Rows) has already been getting to know what's affecting the community. He held a road

safety day of action with our Casualty Reduction Team in response to concerns raised by the public about rental vehicles in the area having no MOT or insurance. Scott has also been building relationships with the primary schools including schools on the United States Air Force (USAF) bases. As part of this he recently gave some inputs at the USAF Elementary School.

Once again, PC Sampher conducted his regular engagement at Sainsbury's in Mildenhall and PCSO Powell also conducted her regular engagement at Tesco in Brandon. The larger shops are always a great place to meet as many people as possible.



PCSO Powell also attended the Summer Carnival at Brandon Nursing Home where she met a very friendly blue dinosaur.

Over in Newmarket, patrols of the Safer Town Hotspot continue. PC Feeney has been tasked with some work on retail crime to increase the number CCTV identification of those persistent offenders. Once identified orders with conditions will be considered for these individuals to tackle the risk of re-offending.

In August, officers in Newmarket also teamed up with Trading Standards to target shops selling illegal vapes and tobacco in the town. This resulted in large quantities of these items being seized.

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Target those supplying drugs in our communities:

We continue to use intelligence to develop opportunities for stop searches and search warrants. Since September last year we've made around 50 arrests for drug supply in Forest Heath with a total of over 22 years' worth custodial sentences given to these offenders. We have visited and supported those at risk of exploitation from drug dealers and worked with partners to train them in the signs of exploitation. Officers also conducted school inputs to educate students on the risk of drugs and associated exploitation.

Focus on reducing acquisitive theft offences such as burglaries, theft from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles by catching those responsible:

We have recently charged and remanded a male for four dwelling burglaries in Newmarket and also arrested seven people for theft of motor vehicle offences and have recovered a number of stolen vehicles. Officers regularly undertake 'Pulse' patrols during their late and night shifts in areas affected by recent crime. Officers have undertaken extra house-to-house around locations affected giving crime prevention advice and issuing Smartwater packs for their property to be marked. A targeted operation now in place to proactively respond to rural business crime.

Tackle retail crime, violent crime and ASB in new Safer Town Hotspot:

Additional patrols in the area. Two additional officers are being recruited to the Community Policing Team to focus on this area. An officer has been allocated to undertake additional work on reported shoplifting investigations and to use new technology to increase the number of offenders being identified from CCTV. Police are also planning a trial to have access to the retailers 'Alert' application to improve information sharing between police and retailers. Officers from the response teams also patrol the area on Friday and Saturday nights to ensure an increased presence for the night-time economy in pubs and clubs.

YOU SAID... WE DID

You said: Concerns were raised about rental vehicles with no MOT and Insurance in the Mildenhall and Lakenheath areas.

We did: Officers from the Community Policing Team had a day of action with Casualty Reduction Team where a number of vehicles were stopped. Speeding checks have been conducted and some vehicles have been seized for no insurance as a result of pro-active stop checks.

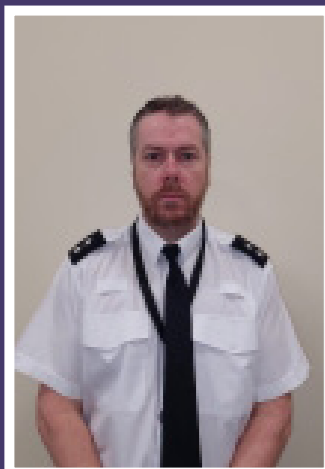
You said: Concerns were raised about drug dealing taking place at a property in Brandon.

We did: A search warrant was obtained from the Magistrates Court and executed by officers from the Kestrel Team and Community Policing Team. Drugs and offensive weapons were found.

You said: Complaints about nuisance motorcycles causing AB issues in Mildenhall.

We did: Additional patrols have been conducted. New warning signs were designed, purchased and erected. One illegal motorcycle was seized by the local beat officer and further partnership opportunities being explored.

LOCAL PRIORITIES



Inspector John Murray

Inspector John Murray is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Stowmarket, Mid-Suffolk North/East and Mid-Suffolk South/West.

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STOWMARKET

As Autumn sets in, the Stowmarket Community Policing Team remains committed to keeping Mid-Suffolk safe and connected. With cooler weather and darker evenings, our officers have been working closely with local high schools, housing providers, and Mid Suffolk District Council to tackle key issues including anti-social behaviour (ASB), drug offences, retail crime, and violent crime.

Throughout the summer, officers have been actively involved in Operation Spotlight, focusing on ASB hotspots such as Ipswich Street in Stowmarket town centre. High-visibility patrols have led to swift identification of suspects involved in retail crime, with proactive stop searches yielding positive results.



ASB at the abandoned building on Violet Hill Road remains a priority. Officers are conducting regular patrols and working with local schools to educate young people about the dangers of entering unsafe premises. This collaborative effort with Mid Suffolk District Council aims to reduce incidents and improve community safety.

In a coordinated operation, officers executed three simultaneous search warrants targeting drug supply and related ASB. This decisive action has led to a noticeable drop in reports, reinforcing our commitment to disrupting criminal activity.

Retail theft has risen across Mid-Suffolk in

recent months. Our Community Policing Team (CPT), alongside the Response Investigation Team (RIT), has worked tirelessly to identify and arrest prolific offenders, delivering positive outcomes for affected businesses. We've been proud to attend events such as the Tour of Britain and collaborate with the Lions Club to install a trauma bleed kit outside the Regal in Stowmarket, providing an invaluable piece of life-saving equipment.



Educational visits to schools have focused on ASB, bullying, and violence. These sessions are vital in helping young people understand the consequences of their actions and make informed choices.

Our cadets have had a busy and rewarding last few months and enjoyed a well-deserved summer break. From learning about custody procedures and public order policing, to celebrating their achievements at an awards evening, they've shown great dedication. Their annual camp in Littlehampton, West Sussex was a highlight—featuring visits to the RNLI lifeboat station, Arundel Castle, Brighton, and a thrilling finale at Chessington World of Adventures. Even a breakdown on the A12 couldn't dampen their spirits!

Please see the Suffolk Police Website to keep up to date on our priorities and events in your area that we will be attending over the Autumn and winter months. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk>

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YOU SAID... WE DID

You said: Residents raised concerns of increased ASB in the location of the derelict Truck East building on Violet Hill Road.

We did: Increased patrols in the area, collaborative work with local high schools to provide educational assemblies and identify offenders. Work with mid-Suffolk council and owners of the site to improve security and provide signage around the dangers of entering the site.

You said: Concerns raised around anti-social behaviour and drug offences on Navigation Approach, Stowmarket.

We did: Increased patrols in the area including executing search warrants which has resulted in positive results. Collaborative work with housing providers and Mid Suffolk District Council working towards civil enforcement action to target addresses involved in crime. Pop-up events and street-a-weeks completed to build the intelligence picture so that further enforcement action can be taken.

You said: A rise in commercial burglaries targeted businesses, outbuildings and building sites.

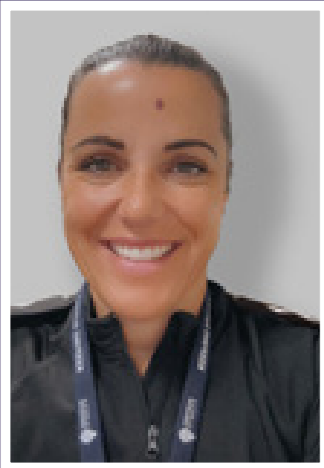
We did: High visibility patrols. Reassurance patrols during opening hours, providing education and advice. Reassurance visits to victims of crime providing first principal documents and smart water.

You said: Disorder and public order offences during nighttime economy in Stowmarket Town Centre.

We did: High visibility patrols during nighttime economy shifts and regular visits to premises to engage with staff and security to reduce offences and enhance the multi-agency work.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Proactive patrols being carried out and working with our partners following recent violent and drug related offences in Thurston.
- Proactive patrols being carried out and working with our partners on Brett Drive, Stowmarket area following reports of anti-social behaviour and drug supply.
- Disorder and public order offences during night-time economy in Stowmarket town centre.
- A rise in commercial burglaries targeted businesses, outbuildings and building sites.
- Anti-social behaviour in the Rickinghall and Bottesdale area on Friday evenings, specifically outside the Co-Op in Rickinghall.



Inspector Jess Lawlor

Inspector Jess Lawlor is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Alexandra and Westgate and St Margaret's.

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IPSWICH CENTRAL

28/07/2025 - Operation Foxtail – PC Dilks and PC Butler: Op Foxtail is a multi-agency policing initiative, aimed at disrupting serious and organised crime on the road network. The operation took place in Ipswich on 28 July, focusing on the Gipping and Westgate wards, and forms part of the wider Clear, Hold, build strategy developed by the Home Office.

During the action day:

- 73 vehicles were stopped.
- 7 people were arrested.
- 17 vehicles were seized.
- Offences included fraudulent driving licences, false number plates, no insurance, drug driving, immigration offences, and vehicle defects.
- 42 traffic offence reports were issued for violations such as no seatbelt, defective tyres, illegal plates, and driving without a licence.

The operation involved officers from the Roads and Armed Policing Team, County Policing Command, Sentinel teams, and partners including Immigration Enforcement, HMRC, and the DVLA. It was funded by the Home Office Invigor fund, which supports efforts to combat organised immigration crime.



06/09/2025 – Ipswich Colour Run – PC Dilks: On Saturday 6 September 2025, PC Dilks attended the vibrant Ipswich Colour Run at Christchurch Park, joining hundreds of participants in a celebration of colour, community, and charity.

Organised by the Colchester & Ipswich Hospitals Charity, the event welcomed families and individuals of all ages to run,

walk, or jog routes of 1km, 2.5km, or 5km, while being showered in bright, eco-friendly colour powder by the cheerful "Colour Bandits" along the way. The day kicked off with a spectacular Colour Extravaganza, and each participant received a white t-shirt, sunglasses, and a finisher's medal.

PC Dilks engaged with attendees throughout the event, supporting the charity's mission and reinforcing Suffolk police's commitment to community involvement. His presence helped foster positive relationships and added to the inclusive, family-friendly atmosphere of the day.



31/08/2025 - 1 Big Multicultural Festival, Alexandra Park – PC Bloom and PC Butler: On 31 August, PC Bloom and PC Butler proudly represented Suffolk police at the 1 Big Multi-cultural Festival in Alexandra Park, Ipswich. Organised by Bangladeshi Support Centre Multicultural Services in partnership with Ipswich Borough Council (IBC), the festival aims to promote unity, inclusion, and cultural understanding among the many communities that live and work in Ipswich. It's now a key fixture in the town's cultural calendar, with 2025 marking its 13th year.

This year saw over 8,000 attendees from across the community. Throughout the day, the officers engaged with more than 600 people, offering advice, answering questions, and building positive connections. Their presence helped reinforce the importance of inclusive, community-focused policing and highlighted Suffolk police's ongoing commitment to celebrating diversity and fostering trust.

A huge thank you to everyone who came over to say hello.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

You said: Complaint about fly tipping and litter in the Surrey Road/Sirdar Road areas.

We did: Joint patrols and litter picks with IBC, clean up days planned, community day organised by IBC with free skip use and Ice creams.

You Said: Lack of visibility of police in certain areas

We Did: Twice weekly pop-up engagement at Barrack Corner

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- **Target the most prolific offenders, including those committing ASB and theft from shop offences in the town centre, using preventative orders.** By use of orders such as Community Protection Notice (CPN) /Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), hot spot and targeted patrols, working with partners and local businesses to tackle offending.
- **To ensure the safety of those using the town centre, including residents, shoppers and those using the nighttime economy.** Increased visibility, relevant licensing checks and hot spot patrols. Work with our partners, local communities, business premises and design out crime officers.
- **To work in partnership with other agencies to reduce ASB in identified residential properties relating to vulnerable persons.** High visibility patrols and continued address visits. Work with our partners, local communities and design out crime officers.



Inspector Naomi Lofthouse

Inspector Naomi Lofthouse is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Bridge, Gipping, Hadleigh and Nayland, Stoke Park and Sprites, Whitehouse, Whitton and Castle Hill and Claydon, Copdock and Peninsula.

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IPSWICH WEST

As the summer season drew in, Ipswich police officers were out in force across the community, attending a wide range of local events and fetes to connect with residents and build stronger relationships. From the Tattingstone Music Fete to school celebrations at Westbourne Academy, Gusford Primary, and Stoke High's 125-year anniversary, officers made their presence known in a friendly and approachable way. Other events included Bramford Village Fete, Capel St Mary Primary School Fete, and Hadleigh's Stonehouse Park gathering, all aimed at engaging with families and young people before the summer holidays began.



This term, the Ipswich Police Cadets had the opportunity to learn from specialist units, including a visit from K9 Detection. Cadets observed how search dogs are trained and deployed to locate items, gaining insight into this vital aspect of policing. They also received input from officers on managing road incidents, dealing with impaired drivers, and understanding police vehicle equipment. Looking ahead, the cadets are already planning their Christmas charity initiative, continuing their commitment to community service.

One of the most pressing concerns raised by the public has been the anti-social use of mopeds, motorbikes, and off-road bikes. Thanks to community support and information, officers have identified several riders and taken action. This has included issuing Community Protection Warning Notices, making two arrests, and seizure of a bike.

With schools now back in session, officers have resumed their regular visits, delivering assemblies and lessons on key topics such

as online safety, road safety, and the role of the police. Lunchtime visits have also provide valuable opportunities to engage with both students and staff in a relaxed setting.

Concerns around youths entering derelict buildings in Ipswich, Shotley, and Bramford prompted a proactive response. On 4 August, a joint fire and police prevention activity was held at Princes Street Station, focusing on the dangers of arson and trespassing. Nine youths attended the interactive session, and further dates are planned to reach more young people in a hands-on, educational format tailored to diverse learning needs.

On 6 September, PCs Ferguson and Fisk attended the Holbrook Garage Sale, continuing efforts to maintain visibility and approachability in the community. Earlier in July, PCs Harper and Hallatt joined the Community Connectors meeting at Activ Gardens near Halifax Road, fostering collaboration with other organisations to address local concerns.



During the summer holidays, increased patrols were deployed in response to anti-social behaviour involving youths and vehicles around New Cut West. Officers successfully identified several vehicles involved and issued Section 59 notices to both drivers and vehicles, helping to restore calm in the area.

As the nights draw in, officers are reminding residents to secure sheds and garages properly. PCs Johnson and Jarrett have been actively raising awareness about burglary prevention and warning the public about door-to-door sellers who may be attempting scams. Residents are urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

You said: ASB issues in regards to mopeds, off road bikes and motorbikes around Chantry, Bramford and out towards Tattingstone causing noise and dangerous driving.

We did: Community Protection Warning Notices issued to riders identified from various sources. Patrols done in marked and unmarked police cars in the areas, particularly targeting Bobbits Lane where the bikes collate to. Seizure of bikes. Two arrests and three interviewed for various related offences.

You said: Break-ins on derelict buildings and sites endangering lives.

We did: Prevention programme designed between fire and police being run with children identified from the groups entering the buildings. Multi-agency meetings also being held to plan how to stop the issue going forward.

You said: Speeding in the Chantry estate.

We did: Speed checks done around Birkfield Drive and Bridgewater Road as well as engagement with our speed van team to consider other areas that had been identified such as Hawthorne Drive.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- Protection of persons vulnerable to exploitation/ victim of violent crime related behaviours - Working with partners, and making use of police powers to protect those identified as vulnerable/ victims to violence
- Rural burglaries to residential outbuildings - Working to identify and pursue offenders. Using visible and proactive policing amongst our rural communities to deter offences from taking place and offering crime prevention to vulnerable locations and premises
- Vehicle and street related ASB: We are working with partner agencies and making use of police powers in order to protect the community against the effects of anti-social behaviours both from vehicles and on the street.



**Inspector
Colin Clack**

Inspector Colin Clack is responsible for the Community Policing Team (CPT) which covers Deben and Orford, Felixstowe, Gainsborough and Holywells, Kesgrave and Bixley, Martlesham and Orwell, Priory Heath, Rushmere and St. Johns and Woodbridge and Wickham Market.

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IPSWICH EAST, WOODBRIDGE & FELIXSTOWE

The summer months are always a busy time of year for policing and this year has been no exception. The Community Policing Team (CPT) has been busy addressing local priorities whilst supporting colleagues elsewhere in the county and country with demand for mutual aid to support officers in areas such as Epping, Essex.



The CPT on the southeast team were awarded the team of the month awarded by the Chief Constable in recognition of their efforts during this busy period.



Highlighted below are just some of the activities undertaken by members of

the team covering the south-east of Ipswich, Felixstowe, Woodbridge and surrounding areas.

The Felixstowe Carnival took place at the very end of July and was supported by the local CPT officers and those from the Special Constabulary. Working together with partners this proved to be a very successful, problem free and enjoyable weekend for all who attended.

Officers have attended numerous community engagement events such as assisting with delivering the first-ever "Crucial Crew Plus" session at Felixstowe Academy. These sessions offer a programme of short presentations for students on a range of personal and community safety issues. This is in addition to the regular school visits and engagements that CPT officers carry out.

Targeted patrols and bespoke interventions around knife crime have taken place in the Nacton estate area, Ipswich. The execution of a number of drug warrants have resulted in seizure of drugs and weapons, all helping to make the streets safer.

As a result of the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, we will see an uplift of officer numbers in the South East CPT, providing greater resilience and additional support in all that we already do in the local areas.

With the darker evenings fast approaching please take time to visit our website for all the latest crime prevention advice to help you protect your home, vehicles and belongings. Thank you for your continued support.

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YOU SAID... WE DID

You Said: Concerns were raised regarding the ASB and dangerous misuse of motor vehicles at popular visitor locations in Felixstowe.

We did: We met with partners and visited the site and discussed how to reduce the risk and reduce the opportunity. Plans are now in the development stage and this is ongoing as a local priority.

You said: Concerns were raised regarding the ASB in the Ribbons Park area of East Ipswich.

We did: This was made a regular pulse patrol area which directs officers to conduct targeted foot patrols at the pertinent times. Officers engaged with a number of people and have prevented any further escalation.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

- To tackle the ASB use of motor vehicles at Languard Fort/ Viewing point Felixstowe.
- To reduce retail crime and increase detection rates by working with our partner in the retail sector.
- To continue our work to reduce violent crime and drug supply linked with county lines.

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